



Attorney Docket No. BNT00018

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor, if only one name is listed below, or an original, first and joint inventor, if plural names are listed below, of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

Sports Racquet with Frame Openings

and for which a patent application:

- ☐ is attached hereto (and includes amendment(s) filed on _____ (if applicable))
- ☒ was filed in the United States on **August 25, 2005** as Application Serial No. **10/547,067** with amendment(s) filed on **August 25, 2005** (if applicable)
- ☐ was filed as PCT International Application No. _____ on _____ and was amended under PCT Article 19 on _____ (if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, C.F.R. §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d) or (f) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below, and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or any PCT international application on this invention filed by me or my legal representatives or assignees and having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

EARLIEST FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY, FILED PRIOR TO THE FILING DATE OF THE APPLICATION			
APPLICATION NUMBER	COUNTRY	DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED
PCT/IB2004/000607	PCT	27-Feb-2004	Yes
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below, and insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application

APPLICATION SERIAL No.	FILING DATE	STATUS		
		PATENTED	PENDING	ABANDONED

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